

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-11 (Canceled)

12. An apparatus for dispensing and applying a styptic material to a nail of an animal, comprising:

a container having a styptic material disposed therein, said container having a dispensing opening through which styptic material from the container may be dispensed; and

a rigid application surface that is adjacent to said dispensing opening, wherein said rigid application surface is concave.

13. An apparatus for dispensing and applying a styptic material to a nail of an animal according to claim 12, further comprising means for advancing styptic material out of the container.

14. (Canceled)

15. An apparatus for dispensing and applying a styptic material to a nail of an animal according to claim 13, wherein said means for advancing styptic material out of the container comprises a screw press mechanism.

16. An apparatus for dispensing and applying a styptic material to a nail of an animal according to claim 14~~12~~, wherein said concave application surface comprises a bowl shaped element that is integral with said container.

17. An apparatus for dispensing and applying a styptic material to a nail of an animal according to claim 16, wherein said bowl-shaped element is angled with respect to a longitudinal axis of the container.

18. An apparatus for dispensing and applying a styptic material to a nail of an animal according to claim 17, wherein said bowl-shaped element is angled with respect to a longitudinal axis of the container at an angle that is within a range of about plus 45 degrees to about minus 45 degrees.

19. (Canceled)